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Emperor of Central Africa Visits DPRK

His Majesty Bokassa the First, Emperor of Central Africa, was in our country from April 28 to May 2 on an official visit at the invitation of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Arrival in Pyongyang

Emperor Bokassa, together with the Empress, arrived in Pyongyang on April 28 by special plane.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, together with his wife, went to the airport to warmly welcome them.

That day an atmosphere of welcome prevailed in the airport.

Seen in the midst of thousands of the welcoming crowds who gathered at the airport were the respectful portraits of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, and H. M. Bokassa the First, Emperor of Central Africa. The portraits were flanked on either side by panels bearing the words: "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" and "Long live the esteemed His Majesty Emperor Bokassa the First!"

Floating over the airport were big balloons ribboned with flags of Korea and Central Africa and words "Welcome" and "Friendship". Flags of the two countries were fluttering on the flagpoles.

On the panels set before the welcomers were the words "Warm welcome to His Majesty Bokassa the First, Emperor of Central Africa!", "Long live friendship and solidarity between the Korean and the Central African people!", "Support the just struggle of the Central African people for the country's independent development!" and "Let us unite with the peoples of the world who advocate independence!"

At 10:10 a. m., the special plane carrying the guests touched down at Pyongyang Airport.

The well-wishers, waving the flags of the two countries and bunches of flowers and performing dances with fans in their hands, gave a warm welcome to the friendly envoys from Central Africa.

When the Emperor alighted from the plane, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung warmly shook hands with him.

Accompanying the Emperor were Mandaba Bornou Pidele, Minister of State, Juridical Councillor of the Imperial Court and President of the Supreme Court; Lamine Theodore Blaise and Simon Bedaya-Ngaro, Ministers of State and Councillors of the Imperial Court; Emmanuel Bongopassi, Councillor of the Imperial Court; Guy-Bruno Marie Darlan, Minister and Economic Councillor to the Emperor; Henri Koba and Gabriel Doyen, Ministers and Councillors of the Imperial Court; Andre Dieudonne Magale, Minister of State in Charge of Planning, International Cooperation and Statistics; Michel Gbezera-bria, Foreign Minister; Jean Pierre Lebonder, Minister of Agriculture, Stockbreeding, Waters, Forests, Fisheries, Hunting and Tourism; Rigobert Yombo, Minister of Energy, Mines and Geology; and others.

Juvenile corps members presented bouquets of fragrant flowers to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Emperor Bokassa.

Also at the airport to greet the guests were Comrade Pak Sung Chul and his wife, Comrades Kye Ung Tae, Ho Dam, Kim Man Gum and Kong Jin Tae, Chairmen and Ministers of the Administration Council, leading personnel of working people's organizations, generals of the Korean People's Army and leading workers from scientific, educational, cultural, art, public health and press circles and Li Man Sok, DPRK Ambassador to the Central African Empire.

Also on hand at the airport were Abendoh Hubert, CAE Ambassador to the DPRK, staff members of the Central African Embassy, diplomatic representatives from various countries and their wives in Pyongyang.

A grand welcoming ceremony was held at the airport.

The band played the national anthem of the Central African Empire and the Patriotic Song of our country. A 21-gun salute boomed.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung warmly shakes hands with His Majesty Bokassa the First

Accompanied by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, His Majesty Bokassa reviewed a guard of honour made up of the ground, naval and air forces of the Korean People's Army.

After the welcoming ceremony, His Majesty Bokassa the First together with the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung walked round to meet the well-wishers, acknowledging their warm welcome, and rode in a car and headed for the city of Pyongyang.

Hundreds of thousands of Pyongyang working people lining the streets gave a warm welcome to the visitors.

When the motorcade arrived at the plaza in front of the February 8 House of Culture, Chairman Kang Hui Won of the Pyongyang City Administrative Committee presented His Majesty Bokassa and Her Majesty Empress with ornamental silver swords in the name of Pyongyang citizens. The Emperor expressed deep thanks for this.

Calls

His Majesty Bokassa and Empress paid a courtesy visit to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife on April 28.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung conversed with the Emperor in a cordial and friendly atmosphere and posed for a photograph with him and his party.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife made a return call on Emperor Bokassa and Empress on April 29.

There took place a cordial and friendly conversation.

Banquets and Luncheon

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung gave a grand banquet at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall to welcome the visit of the Emperor to our country on the evening of April 28.

Invited to the banquet were the Emperor and Empress and their party and the Ambassador of the Central African Empire to the DPRK.

Attending the banquet were our leading cadres and our Ambassador to the CAE.

Also invited there were diplomatic envoys of various countries in our country.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and His Majesty Bokassa spoke at the banquet.

On the evening of May 1, His Majesty Bokassa the First and the Empress gave a grand return banquet at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall in honour of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife were invited to the banquet.

Also invited to it were our leading cadres and our Ambassador to the Central African Empire.

Present at the banquet were diplomatic envoys in Pyongyang.

The banquet was attended by the Emperor and Empress and their party, and CAE Ambassador to our country.

At the banquet the Emperor made a speech and he was followed by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Art performances were given at the banquets by artistes in Pyongyang.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife entertained the Emperor and Empress to a luncheon on April 30.

The banquets and luncheon proceeded in a warm atmosphere overflowing with friendly feelings.

Talks

A talk was held in Pyongyang on April 28 between the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and His Majesty Bokassa the First.

Taking part in the talk from our side were leading cadres and personages concerned and our Ambassador to the CAE and from the other side were the party of the Emperor and the CAE Ambassador to our country.

At the talk both sides exchanged views on the matter of enhancing and developing the relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries and a series of problems of mutual concern. There was an agreement of views on the issues discussed.

Two other talks took place in Pyongyang on April 29 and 30 between the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and His Majesty Bokassa.

The talks proceeded in a sincere and friendly atmosphere.

Gift Presentation

On April 28 His Majesty Bokassa presented the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung with gifts of best wishes at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall and gave him an account of the gifts.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife, to-

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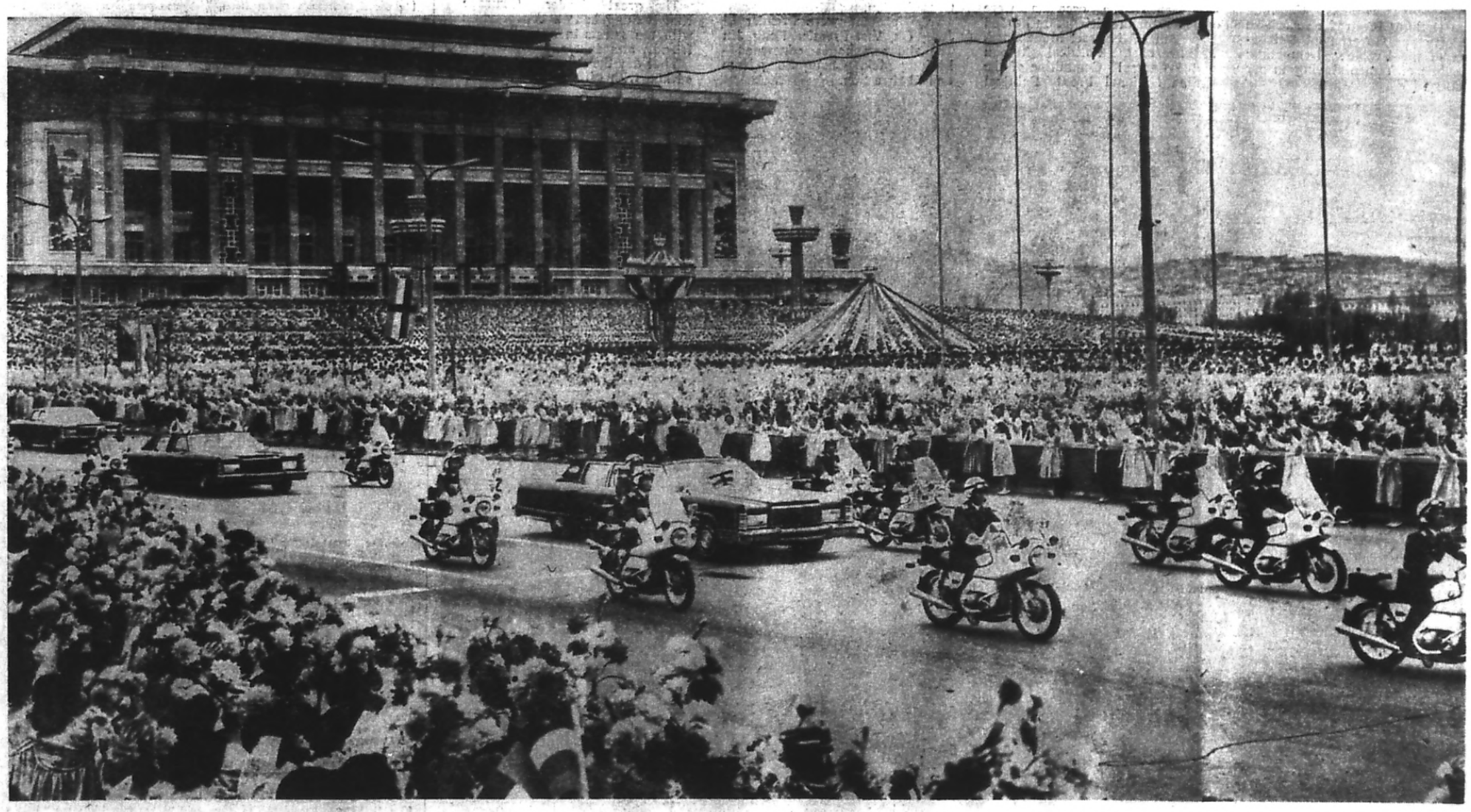

Hundreds of thousands of working people in Pyongyang give a red-carpet welcome to His Majesty Bokassa the First

We Warmly Congratulate the Central African People On Their Achievements Scored in the Struggle to Defend the Country's Sovereignty and Build the National Economy and National Culture

Speech of Comrade KIM IL SUNG

At Welcome Banquet

Esteemed Your Majesty Bokassa I and Your Majesty Empress,

Dear guests from Central Africa,

Comrades and friends,

Today we have received with great pleasure Your Majesty Bokassa I, the Emperor of Central Africa, Your Majesty Empress and other guests from Central Africa.

On behalf of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people, I would like first to warmly welcome you, distinguished guests from Central Africa.

Esteemed Your Majesty Emperor have travelled all the way this time east of Asia to visit our country. It shows that in recent years the friendly relations between our two countries have been expanded and developed with each passing day and have entered upon a new phase.

The Korean people and the Central African people were secluded from each other in the days of former colonial rule. However, they have now formed the solid ties of friendship amid the strong current of independence prevailing over the world.

Both Korea and Central Africa are the member states of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The Central African people launched into an independent development of their country after Your Majesty Bokassa I took the highest post of the state.

You advanced the operational line of mobilizing and utilizing all the country's might and resources on the principle of self-reliance and gained many successes in overcoming poverty and backwardness left by the colonial rule and in reshaping the look of the country.

The Government of Central Africa follows an independent foreign policy based on the non-aligned principle, and opposes imperialism, colonialism and racism.

We warmly congratulate the Central African people on their achievements scored under your leadership in the struggle to defend the country's sovereignty and build the national economy and national culture, and actively support your endeavours to bring about complete liberation and unity of Africa.

Today in southern Africa, a fierce showdown is going on between the two forces: the people aspiring for the complete liberation of Africa on one hand and the imperialists and racists trying hard to maintain their atrocious racist regime on the other hand.

The imperialists, old and new colonialists and racists are resorting to all sorts of machinations, such as armed suppression, split and alienation and fabrication of puppet regimes, in order to maintain colonial domination and racial suppressive system in southern Africa.

With no machination, however, can they check the regeneration of Africa.

The master of Africa is the African people.

Our people actively support and encourage the peoples of Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa in their valiant struggle against the cursed colonial oppression, racial discrimination and apartheid and for freedom and liberation, and will always stand firmly on the side of the fraternal African people fighting for the complete liberation and unity of Africa.

We will firmly unite with the non-aligned countries to realize the common ideals of the Non-Aligned Movement and render an active support and encouragement to the struggle of all peoples against imperialism, colonialism and domination.

Esteemed Your Majesty Emperor,

Your Majesty's visit to our country this time constitutes support and encouragement to our people in their struggle for the socialist construction and the independent, peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

Only when the peoples of the non-aligned states, newly-emerging countries are firmly united, can they emerge victorious in their common cause of opposing all forms of domination, subjugation and inequality and creating an independent new life.

I am convinced that Your Majesty's visit to our country will make contribution not only to expanding and strengthening friendly cooperation between our two peoples but also to consolidating the solidarity among the peoples of Asia and Africa.

Being greatly touched by Your Majesty who have come all the way to our country carrying with you the trust in us and the feelings of fraternal friendship towards us, I propose a toast:

to the friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Central African peoples,

to the solidarity of the world's people advocating independence,

to the health of esteemed Your Majesty Bokassa I and Your Majesty Empress,

to the health of the guests from Central Africa,

to the health of diplomatic envoys of various countries and mesdames, and

to the health of all comrades and friends present here.

Korean People's Triple Victory, Military, Political and Economic, Is Attributable to the Concretisation of Comrade President KIM IL SUNG's Imperishable Idea of Juche

Speech of His Majesty BOKASSA the First

At Welcome Banquet

Comrade President Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved great leader of the Korean people,

Comrade Madame President,

Excellencies Messieurs Ambassadors,

Comrades and friends,

It is with a great pride mingled with emotion that we are making a speech after your brilliant address.

We were touched by so amicable words which you have addressed to us and to Her Majesty Empress and the delegation of Central Africa. And from the bottom of our heart we wish you to accept the sentiments of profound gratitude which we, in the name of the Central African people and their Great Renovated National Party, the Movement for the Social Evolution of Black Africa (the MESAN), express to you personally and to the valiant Korean people for the remarkable warm welcome accorded to us and our delegation after our arrival in Pyongyang, your beautiful capital.

These words and this welcome are a veritable comfort and they amply justify the option which we made in reserving for the friendly people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea our first official foreign tour after our investiture as Emperor at the will of the Central African people.

With the same great pride we say that we find ourselves in the land of morning calm where the legendary valiance and devotion of the people united around the respected and beloved great leader are matched at a time with the poetry of the nature for the preservation of their independence, their sovereignty and their national identity.

And you, Comrade President, are the very incarnation of these virtues and these aspirations.

This is why, to a heroic people and to you, the artisan of liberty, the great statesman, we have brought across the oceans and continents, the salute, friendship and solidarity of the Central African people.

In fact, Comrade President, the respected and beloved great leader of the Korean people, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and notably Pyongyang constitute a symbol to us the peoples of the third world: the symbol of the constant victory of the just causes despite the manoeuvres of imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism for realising their abject design of domination. We once again recall with horror the implacable war which bruised the country, razed towns and created chaos.

Nevertheless, under your clairvoyant leadership, not only the Democratic People's Republic of Korea brought a brilliant military victory over shameful colonialism and imperialism but also the great Korean people have transformed the country into a powerful socialist industrial state, independent and prosperous, which is so much praised and which we have come to see.

This triple victory, military, political and economic, is attributable to the courage and the spirit of sacrifice of the Korean people, on the one hand, and to the concretisation of the imperishable idea of Juche which constitutes the quintessence of your revolutionary ideas, to wit, "One is responsible for one's own destiny and one has also the capacity for hewing out one's own destiny."

This constant and unremitting struggle which you have never ceased is the same as we are engaged in after our accession to power. And we would like to tell you that the Central African people under our leadership have also achieved brilliant victories: the unity and peace reigning in the Empire; the great successes achieved in the economic and social fields, thanks to the Operation Bokassa, the national and original strategy of development, revolutionary hymn to the mobilisation of all the powerful forces of our nation in combating underdevelopment of all forms.

This is the proof, and you have furnished it, Comrade President, that our two countries and our two peoples defend common ideas.

And, it is all the more urgent than ever before for the non-aligned countries including the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Empire of Central Africa to close their ranks in this world where an implacable and underhand struggle sometimes marked by the murderous conflict notably in Africa, opposes the retrograde forces of hegemony and domination.

Your country and ours have laid bases of friendship and cooperation which we wish to be precious, be always more stirring and always more effective.

As you have just said, our presence in your country and the nomination of ambassadors in our respective capitals are a testimony of our common will to expand and develop our relations day by day.

Comrade President,

We know that the political action which you have taken is for the peaceful and independent reunification of your great fatherland, the supreme aspiration of the entire Korean people.

Permit us to recall at the outset of our visit, without equivoque, that the people of Central Africa have always regarded as their own this vital aspiration of the valiant friendly people of Korea.

It is with this faith and confidence in the future of the Central Africa-Korea relations that we invite you to join me in a toast

to the friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Central African peoples,

to the health of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved great leader of the Korean people,

to the health of Comrade Madame President Kim Il Sung,

to the health of Their Excellencies Messieurs Ambassadors and their wives, and

to the health of our comrades and friends present here.

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gether with the Emperor and Empress, saw the gifts on display and expressed thanks for this.

On April 30, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung presented the Emperor and Empress with gifts and gave an explanation to them.

After seeing the gifts on display together with the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife, the Emperor and Empress expressed their deep thanks for this.

Performance and Mass Gymnastic Display Arranged

On April 29, His Majesty Bokassa the First was entertained by the music and dance tale "Song of Paradise" at the Mansudae Art Theatre.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife saw the performance together with the Emperor and Empress.

The Emperor's party was invited to the performance. Also seeing it were our leading cadres, personages concerned and working people in Pyongyang.

The music and dance tale won the highest praise from the guests.

After the performance the Emperor, accompanied by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, mounted the stage amidst enthusiastic cheers and applause to present the artistes with a basket of flowers in glorification of their successful performance. They were photographed together.

Meanwhile, on May 1, the mass gymnastic display "Song of Korea" was arranged for the Emperor at the Moranbong Stadium.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife accompanied the Emperor and Empress.

The Emperor's party was invited to the mass game. Also watching it were our leading cadres, personages concerned, as well as the working people, Korean People's Army men and youth and students in the city.

On the background of the stadium festively bedecked were seen the respectful portraits of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and His Majesty Bokassa the First, Emperor of Central Africa, and letters reading "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!", "Long live respected His Majesty Emperor Bokassa the First!", "Warm welcome to His Majesty Bokassa the First, Emperor of Central Africa!" and "Long live friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Central African peoples!" Also seen there were patterns of a rainbow symbolic of friendship and national flags of the two countries.

Then began the mass game.

It was warmly acclaimed by the guests.

When the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung warmly shook hands with His Majesty Emperor Bokassa the First and raised high their clasped hands in token of friendship between the Korean and Central African peoples at the end of the mass game, there arose enthusiastic cheers of "manse" throughout the stadium.

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Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Receives PDRY Party and Govt. Del.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung received on April 29 a Party and Government Delegation of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen staying in our country.

Present on the occasion were members of the delegation headed by Premier Ali Nasser Mohammed, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the United National Front Political Organization.

Also present were Premier Li Jong Ok, Vice-Premier Kong Jin Tae and personages concerned—Li Jong Mok, Chong Song Nam and Li Hwa Son.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had a conversation with the guests in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

That day the delegation presented him with gifts of best wishes.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung poses with the PDRY Party and Government Delegation after meeting them

Comrade SAMORA MOISES MACHEL

President
People's Republic of Mozambique

Maputo

Upon hearing the news that many areas of your country suffered big damages from a recent flood, I express deep sympathy and consolation to you and, through you, to the people in the afflicted areas.

I believe that under your correct leadership the government and people of Mozambique will recover from the flood damages at an early date and stabilize the life of the people in the afflicted areas.

KIM IL SUNG

President
Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, April 19, 1978

Your Excellency AHMED HUSSEIN AL GHASHMI

President
Yemen Arab Republic

Sana

I extend warm congratulations to you upon your election as President of the Yemen Arab Republic.

Believing that the relations of friendship and cooperation between our two countries will be further strengthened and developed, I take this opportunity to heartily wish you a new success in your future work for the country's prosperity.

KIM IL SUNG

President
Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, April 27, 1978

TELEGRAMS

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent a message of greetings to Comrade **Pol Pot**, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Kampuchea and Prime Minister of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea, Comrade **Khieu Samphan**, President of the Presidium of the State of Democratic Kampuchea, and to Comrade **Nuon Chea**, Chairman of the Permanent Committee of the People's Congress of Democratic Kampuchea, on the occasion of April 17, the day of great victory, and the founding anniversary of Democratic Kampuchea.

✦ The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the DPRK, sent a message of greetings to His Excellency **Hafez Al Assad**, President of the Syrian Arab Republic, on the 32nd anniversary of the independence of Syria.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message of greetings to His Excellency **Siaka Probyn Stevens**, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, on the 7th anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message of greetings to His Excellency **Antonio Ramalho Eanes**, President of the Republic of Portugal, on the occasion of the national day of the Republic of Portugal.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message of greetings to His Excellency **Julius K. Nyerere**, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of the founding of the URT.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and His Majesty Bokassa the First acknowledge rousing cheers of the performers of the mass gymnastic display and spectators by raising their clasped hands

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Decorations Awarded

A ceremony for awarding the decorations of the DPRK to His Majesty Bokassa the First was held on May 1 at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung conferred Order of National Flag First Class and Order of Labour on the Emperor and Empress.

The orders and medals of the DPRK were also awarded to the party accompanying the Emperor and Empress.

On the same day, a ceremony for conferring the decorations of the Central African Empire on the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was held at the same spot.

His Majesty Bokassa the First awarded "Grand Cross of Operation Bokassa", the highest order of the Central African Empire, and "Grand Cross of Central African Merit" to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife.

The decorations of the Central African Empire were also awarded to our leading cadres and personages concerned.

Inspection

The Emperor and Empress and their party paid a visit to Mangyongdae, cradle of revolution, on May 1.

Listening to the explanation concerning the glorious and brilliant revolutionary history of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the guests looked round with deep emotion the treasured relics preserved in the native house of historic Mangyongdae where he was born and spent his childhood.

The guests posed for a photograph in remembrance of the visit to the native house of Mangyongdae.

Then they went to the Red Flag Mangyongdae Revolutionary School.

On the same day the guests looked round the Pyongyang Metro and the Taesongsan Recreation Ground.

Earlier, on April 29 they inspected the Central Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition. On April 30 they called at Kim Il Sung University and the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace and saw the combined performance given by amateur art circle members at the palace theatre in welcome of His Majesty Emperor.

The Emperor and Empress and their entourage were accorded warm welcome everywhere they went.

The guests were accompanied by our leading personnel and personages concerned.

On April 29 Her Majesty Empress Bokassa visited the Pyongyang September 15 Week Nursery together with some members accompanying the Emperor.

Treaty, Agreement and Joint Communique Signed

A treaty of friendship and cooperation and a general agreement on economic, scientific and technical, and cultural cooperation and joint communique between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Central African Empire were signed in Pyongyang on May 2.

Present at the signing ceremony were the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife, and His Majesty Emperor Bokassa the First and Her Majesty Empress.

Also attending the ceremony on our side were leading cadres, personages concerned and our Ambassador to the CAE, and on the Central African side were the party of the Emperor and CAE Ambassador to the DPRK.

The said treaty, general agreement and joint communique were signed by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and His Majesty Emperor Bokassa the First.

The same day witnessed the signing in Pyongyang of an agreement on cultural, scientific and technical cooperation, a trade agreement and an agreement on air services, an accord on economic and technical cooperation, an accord on technical cooperation and an accord on the foundation of the Korea-Central Africa mixed committee between the governments of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Central African Empire.

The agreements and accords were signed by Comrade Kong Jin Tae, authorized by the DPRK Government, and Andre Dieudonne Magale, Minister of State in Charge of Planning, International Cooperation and Statistics, authorized by the CAE Government.

Departure from Pyongyang

His Majesty Bokassa the First, Emperor of Central Africa, left Pyongyang on May 2 by special plane after successfully concluding his visit to Korea.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife went to the airport to give a hearty send-off to the Emperor and Empress.

Thousands of people gathered at the airport, carrying with them flags of Korea and Central Africa, bunches of flowers and balloons.

A grand farewell ceremony took place at the airport.

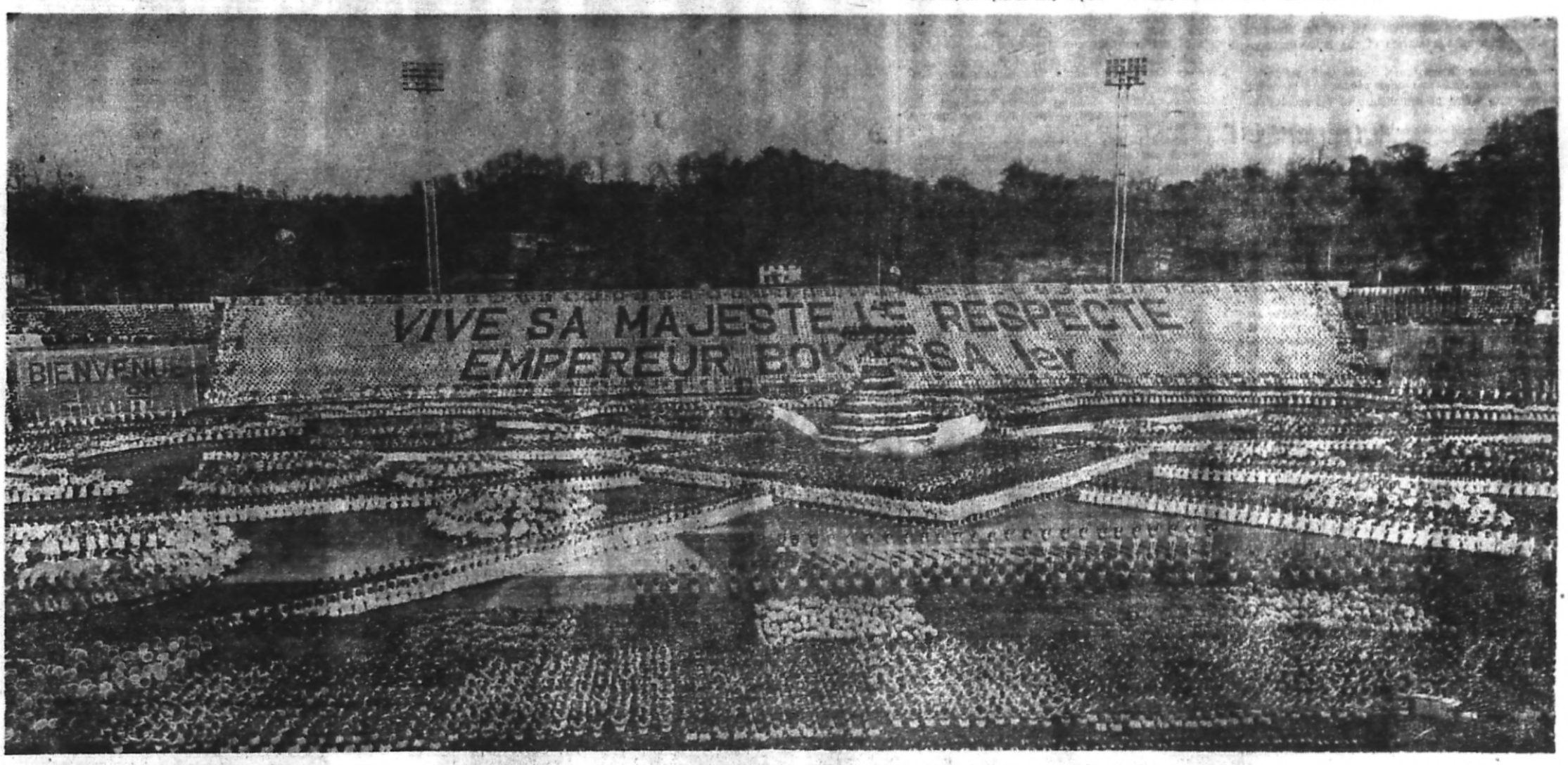
The Emperor exchanged farewells with our leading cadres, diplomatic representatives and their wives in our country.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung warmly shook hands with and embraced the Emperor.

The Emperor expressed thanks for the hospitality accorded to him by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung during his stay in Korea and got into the plane, responding to the senders-off.

At 10 a.m., the special plane took off from Pyongyang Airport.

The current visit to our country by the goodwill mission of the Central African people made a worthy contribution to enhancing and developing the friendly cooperation between the peoples of the two countries and, at the same time, to strengthening the solidarity between the peoples of Asia and Africa.



"Long live respected His Majesty Emperor Bokassa the First!" (a scene from the finale of the mass gymnastic display)

EDITORIAL

An Epochal Event in Development of Friendly Relations Between Korea and Guyana

The Party and Government Delegation of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana headed by Comrade Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham, Leader of the People's National Congress and Prime Minister of the CRG, paid an official visit to our country from April 21 to 27 at the invitation of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The visit to our country of Comrade Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham and the delegation led by him has been brought to a splendid fruition.

The recent visit of the delegation is a clear manifestation of the relations of militant friendship sealed between the peoples of Korea and Guyana and a historic event in developing the relations of friendship and cooperation between the Parties, governments and peoples of the two countries onto a new, high stage.

And it was a demonstration of the friendship and solidarity of the peoples of Korea and Guyana who are fighting shoulder to shoulder on the anti-imperialist common front and of the militant solidarity linking Asia and Latin America.

During the visit talks were held between the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK and President of the DPRK, and Comrade Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham, Leader of the PNC and Prime Minister of the CRG.

In the talks which proceeded in a comradely, sincere and friendly atmosphere, views were exchanged on further expanding and developing the friendly and cooperative relations between the two Parties and two countries and on a series of problems of mutual concern and an agreement of views was reached on the problems discussed.

Our people are much pleased at the successful visit to our country of the Guyanese Party and Government Delegation led by Comrade Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"Although geographically separated far from each other, the Korean and the Guyanese people have close ties of friendship for their common aspirations for independence and socialism."

Though Korea and Guyana are separated afar from each other across the oceans and continents, they have been fighting together for the common cause of the oppressed peoples of the world as member states of the Non-Alignment and in this process the friendly relations of helping and supporting each other have been formed and strengthened and developed between the two countries.

During the delegation's visit to our country a desire to further strengthen and develop the friendship and solidarity between the peoples of the two countries and powerful support to and solidarity with their just cause were expressed on many occasions.

The Korean people express firm solidarity with the Guyanese people who are courageously striving to build a new society on the principle of self-reliance under the correct leadership of Comrade Prime Minister Burnham, their outstanding leader, repulsing the imperialists' pressure and subversive and sabotaging activities.

The Korean people sincerely wish them greater successes in their future struggle to build a new, prosperous Guyana, following the line of original "cooperative socialism".

During his stay in our country Comrade Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham highly appreciated the Juche idea fathered by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the brilliant victories and achievements scored by our people in the revolution and construction under his wise guidance and warmly congratulated them and again expressed full support for and solidarity with the just cause of our people for the country's independent and peaceful reunification.

In the international arena the Guyanese government is resolutely opposed to the "two Koreas" plot of the partitionists and is conducting energetic activities in support of the struggle of our people for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

This gives a great encouragement to our people.

Our people highly treasure such support and encouragement of the Guyanese government and people and express deep thanks for this.

During the recent visit, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham stressed the need to further expand and develop the Non-Aligned Movement.

At present the imperialists are obstinately manoeuvring to alienate and split the countries of new-emerging forces and disintegrate the Non-Aligned Movement from within.

Such being the situation, it is of particularly important significance for the countries of new-emerging forces to strengthen their principled and revolutionary cohesion, proceeding from the fundamental interests of the revolution.

Today the Guyanese government, firmly maintaining the non-aligned policy, is making energetic endeavours for the unity of the Non-Aligned Movement and for the promotion of the anti-imperialist common cause of the countries of new-emerging forces.

Even though there is temporary economic difficulty, the non-aligned countries and the developing countries should not be tempted by the "aid" of the foreign dominating forces and their lackeys but strengthen their political unity and economic cooperation and establish a new international economic order.

Our people highly appraise the Guyanese people for closely cooperating with the Caribbean countries in the struggle against imperialist domination and interference and for the defence of national sovereignty and territorial waters and natural resources and extend firm solidarity to the just struggle of the Latin American people.

An agreement on economic, scientific, technical and cultural cooperation, an agreement on trade, an agreement on cooperation in the field of fishery were signed between the two countries during the delegation's visit to our country. This constitutes a firm guarantee for daily expanding and strengthening the friendly and cooperative relations between Korea and Guyana in future not only in the sphere of politics but also in the fields of economy and culture.

The Korean people who value the friendly relations with the fraternal Guyanese people will as ever closely cooperate with the Guyanese people in the sacred struggle against imperialism and for independence.

PDRY PARTY AND GOVERNMENT DELEGATION VISITS DPRK

A Party and Government Delegation of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen headed by Comrade Ali Nasser Mohammed, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the United National Front Political Organization and Prime Minister, was in our country on an official visit from April 28 to 30 at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Arriving here together with Comrade Ali Nasser Mohammed were Haidar Abubakr Al Attas, Member of the CC of the UNFPO and Minister of Construction; Mahmood Saeed Medhi, Member of the CC of the UNFPO and Minister of Trade and Supply; Dr. Abdulla Ahmed Bukair, Member of the CC of the UNFPO and Minister of Health; Saleh Munasser Alsiely, Member of the CC of the UNFPO and Permanent Secretary of the UNFPO Foreign Relations Department; Ahmed Saleh Hajib, Ambassador of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Shafiq Saleh, Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the Embassy of the PDRY in Pyongyang; Abubakr Saeed Baabbad, Director of the Asia and Australia Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and others.

The delegation was greeted at the airport by Comrade Li Jong Ok, Premier of the DPRK Administration Council; Comrades Kye Ung Tae and Chong Jun Gi, Vice-Premiers; and personages concerned Kim Gwan Sop, Kim Gyong Ryon, Choe Jong Gun, Li Jong Mok, Chong Song Nam, Li Hwa Son and Choe Du Gwang.

Also greeting it at the airport were diplomatic representatives of various countries in our country.

On the 28th Pyongyang Airport, which was like a sea of flowers, was crowded with many working people who turned out to welcome the goodwill mission of the Democratic Yemeni people.

A welcoming ceremony was held. The delegation made public a statement at the airport in connection with its visit to our country.

During its sojourn in our country, the delegation was accorded an enthusiastic welcome and cordial hospitality of the Korean people everywhere it went.

On the 29th the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung met the PDRY Party and Government Delegation.

He conversed with the guests in a cordial and friendly atmosphere. The delegation presented him with gifts of best wishes.

On the 28th the delegation made courtesy call at Comrade Li Jong Ok, Premier of the DPRK Administration Council, and saw the revolutionary opera "Tell O Forest" performed at the Pyongyang Grand Theatre in its honour.

It visited historic Mangyongdae and inspected the Central Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition.

After the visit to the Exhibition, head of the delegation made the following entry in the guest book:

The development and progress of the Korean people owe to the sagacious leadership of President Kim Il Sung.

I, in the name of the PDRY Party and Government Delegation, highly appraise that the Korean people have developed their country, once backward, into an advanced industrial state and built a splendid socialist society as we see today.

During its visit to our country, talks were held on the 28th and 29th between the DPRK Party and Government Delegation and the PDRY Party and Government Delegation.

At the talks, both sides exchanged views on matters of further developing the friendly and cooperative relations between the two Parties and two countries and a series of problems of mutual concern. There was an agreement on the problems discussed.

The talks proceeded in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

On the 29th the delegation was invited to a banquet hosted by the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK Administration Council at the People's Palace of Culture to welcome it.

Comrade Li Jong Ok, Premier, spoke first at the banquet.

Pointing out the significance of its visit to our country, he said:

Today, the relations of friendship and cooperation between our two countries are developing constantly and favourably.

The friendly and cooperative relations of the peoples of the two countries have been brought onto a new higher plane especially after Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the Korean people, had a historic meeting with Comrade Abdul Fattah Ismail, Secretary General of the CC of the UNFPO, and Comrade Salem Robaya Ali, Chairman of the Presidential Council.

He referred to the fact that the industrious and brave Democratic Yemeni people have scored great successes in consolidating the political independence and developing an independent national economy and national culture while resolutely frustrating the vicious subversive activities and sabotage of the imperialists and their lackeys and their policy of economic blockade and carrying on the tasks of the national democratic revolution.

He continued:

The Korean people staunchly castigate the brigandish acts of the Israeli aggressors committed against southern Lebanon and fully support the struggle of the Lebanese people to safeguard independence and sovereignty and the just struggle of the Palestinian and Arab peoples to regain the deprived land and restore national rights.

In his speech Premier Ali Nasser Mohammed referred to the creditable achievements and successes gained by the Korean people in the socialist construction, and stressed:

In the past the friends of Korea rendered material and spiritual aid to our people in their struggle to safeguard their revolution and national independence and achieve social progress.

We are very satisfied with the fact that the fraternal and sincere assistance has made a contribution to consolidating the relations of friendship between the peoples of the two countries.

He continued:

The United National Front Political Organization, Government and people of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen fully support the heroic and righteous struggle waged by the Korean people for the peaceful reunification of their country in line with the invariable principle advocated by President Kim Il Sung, the leader.

We condemn the aggressive policy of the US imperialists who are interfering in the internal affairs of Korea to create "two Koreas".

We also denounce all acts of military provocation committed by US troops and the reactionary puppet regime of south Korea.

We believe that the Korean people with the traditions of stubborn struggle achieved in driving out imperialist forces from the land of Korea will surely carry through the cause of their country's reunification under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea led by President Kim Il Sung.

Touching on the Middle East question, he declared that the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen will stand firm by the Palestinian people in their justified and legitimate struggle.

The visit to our country by the PDRY Party and Government Delegation marked a notable landmark in enhancing and developing the relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

MAY DAY, INTERNATIONAL RED-LETTER DAY OF WORKERS

International Unity of Working Class Is Guarantee for Victory in Revolution

The working class and other people the world over celebrate May Day every year. This day is an important occasion for strengthening international unity and solidarity in the struggle against all manner of domination and subordination and for the freedom and happiness of the masses of the labouring people.

Strengthening international unity and solidarity of the working class and other people is a powerful weapon with which to win victory of the revolutionary cause.

The workers and other people of our country have always remained loyal to proletarian internationalism, valuing the unity with the revolutionary forces of the world. Uniting with the world's revolutionary peoples and enhancing and developing the relations of friendship and cooperation with them is a policy invariably maintained by our Party.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"Just as the forces of capital are international, so the liberation struggle of the peoples has an international character. The revolutionary movements in individual countries are national movements, and at the same time, constitute part of the world revolution. The revolutionary struggles of the peoples in all countries support and complement each other and join together in one current of world revolution."

The Korean revolution has traversed the road replete with victory and glory under the wise leadership of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. Its whole course is a proud history marked by the struggle of the workers and people of our country who have dedicated their all not only to the triumph of our revolution but also to the victory of world revolution, holding aloft the banner of proletarian internationalism.

From the very beginning of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle until today, the working class and other people of our country under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung have given active support and encouragement to the righteous struggle of peoples all over the world and creditably discharged their honourable mission as a dependable national detachment of the international working class.

Revolution of each country is a link in the whole chain of world revolution and the victory of world revolution can be achieved through the successful carrying out of the revolution in each country. The working class and other people of this country have triumphantly traversed the road of struggle for state sovereignty, national independence and socialist construction for half a century with the firm stand and attitude as the masters responsible for the Korean revolution.

Only when our working class, subjected to all sorts of maltreatment and devoid of all rights in the past, was taken to the heart of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, could they become aware of their historical mission and embark on the road of revolution. Always standing in the forefront of struggle at every stage of revolution, they moved ahead with vigor.

By wisely leading the working class and other people of our country, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has converted our country, which lost its lustre on the world map, into the "country of Chollima" and a powerful socialist state of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence. International solidarity with our revolution is daily growing and support to the cause of the Korean people for national reunification is increasingly voiced by the world's people.

Firmly convinced that the road indicated by the great leader is the glorious road leading to the completion of the revolutionary cause of the working class and the road vigorously hastening the victory of our revolution and world revolution, the working class and other people of this country are firmly determined to splendidly fulfil the national and international duties under his inspiring leadership.

Today they are striving to brilliantly materialize the magnificent programme of the Second Seven-Year Plan charted by the respected and beloved leader.

The working class and other people of our country who are dynamically advancing, holding aloft the banner of the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural, are attaining miraculous successes in all domains of the national economy.

Their worthwhile struggle to bring our revolution onto a new higher stage and accelerate the complete victory of socialism and national reunification is also a sacred struggle to propel the world revolution.

While vigorously promoting the Korean revolution, our people will, in the future, too, as in the past, fight more staunchly against imperialism and colonialism and for the triumph of the revolutionary cause of the working class in unity with the peoples of socialist countries, the peoples of non-aligned countries and the peoples of all countries advocating independence under the uplifted banner of proletarian internationalism and the revolutionary banner of anti-imperialism and independence.

Working people in Pyongyang, together with foreign friends, joyously spend May Day on the Rungna-do Islet

MAY HOLIDAY FULL OF FRIENDSHIP

Colourful functions were held in Pyongyang on May Day, the international red-letter day demonstrating the unity and solidarity of the working class of the whole world.

Working people in the capital thronged to the Rungna-do Islet to spend this memorable holiday. There took place sporting games, amusement parties and a performance given by artistes of the central art troupes. Diplomatic representatives and staff members of embassies of various countries and their families and many foreign guests took part in the celebrations.

When the performance was over, foreign friends mounted the stage and joyously sang songs.

Members of the delegation of the political section chiefs of the General Council of Trade Unions of Japan (Sohyo) appeared on the stage with a streamer bearing the words: "Strongly support Korea's independent and peaceful reunification!" They sang "Internationale", which was joined by the entire assemblage. This was the expression of firm solidarity with our people's struggle for national reunification.

Speaking prior to the performance, a responsible comrade said: What is important in the struggle against imperialism and for independence and for national independence and socialism is the unity of the working class the world over. Then he stressed: The Korean working class will as ever vigorously fight on for peace, democracy and national independence and for the victory of the cause of socialism, with the uplifted banner of anti-imperialism and independence and in firm unity with the working class of socialist countries, the working class of non-aligned countries and the working class of all countries.

Celebration functions pervaded with the feelings of happiness and full of militant spirit also took place at historic Mangyongdae, the sacred land of revolution, the Taesongsan Recreation Ground, on the River Taedong-gang, at the foot of the Moranbong Hill and at the Potong-gang Recreation Ground.

In the evening, a get-together of Pyongyang working people was held at Kim Il Sung Square.

Foreign guests in Pyongyang mingled with our labouring people in dancing. The feelings of internationalist friendship and solidarity prevailed in the square.

After the soiree, those gathered there saw a colourful performance given by artistes of the central art troupes.

Pyongyang working people's soiree celebrating May Day

In Seychelles:
New Life Is in the Making

The people of Seychelles put an end to the imperialists' colonial rule that lasted for hundreds of years. Now they have embarked upon creating a new life. In this course fine successes have been scored in consolidating the country's independence and developing the national economy and national culture under the correct leadership of President France Albert Rene.

Thanks to great efforts directed to agriculture the output of copra, palm, patchouli, vanilla and cinnamon —major farm produce— has increased. And grain crops whose production was negligible under the colonial rule are encouraged to cultivate.

Attention has been paid to the expansion of industry. Work to set up development banks and various industrial establishments is going on briskly.

Particularly, the government and people of Seychelles are exerting great efforts for the development of fishery by making effective use of favourable natural and geographical conditions of the country. The result is that many fishing cooperatives have been organized and fish catch is increasing. It is planned to massproduce canned fish.

The government has made huge state investments in the field of education and taken new measures to enable all children to attend school. In the near future nine-year compulsory education will be introduced.

Our people highly appreciate the people of Seychelles in their strenuous efforts to radically change the appearance of the country in a very short span of time.

The peoples of Korea and Seychelles are closely linked with each other for the commonness of their past position and today's struggle against imperialism and for independence.

The Korean people are very happy to have the people of Seychelles as their friend and highly value the relations of friendship and cooperation with them.

The people of Seychelles who are following the line of independence to create a new society and a new life will achieve greater success in future.

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